

One of this writer's pet peeves always has been the poor attention given to street signs in the average city.

And on this subject I am a critic of unimpeachable authority. For (1) I have been driving cars since 1914, and (2) I am familiar with every section of America except the Northwest.

For example, I drove from eastern Pennsylvania to New York City several times in the days before highway numbers were invented; and in 1916 I accompanied a cousin on a "road" trip from Wilkes-Barre, Pa., to Quincy, Ill. There were no highway numbers at all, and most of the cities had forgotten to put up street signs. In those days it took longer to get "in-lost" in one town than it did to drive to the next town.

We have a perfect system of highway numbers all over America today, but the marking of city streets is no better, and perhaps worse, than 30 years ago. You're all right if you are merely going through a city, because you can depend on the state and federal numbers; but if you are looking for a particular address in a strange city, that's where trouble begins.

I have some useful advice to give you on this matter: (1) If the city is big enough you can head for a downtown newsstand and inquire about a city map, or (2) you can head for a taxi-stand, give one of the cabbies the address you want to reach, and then pay him for driving out there in his empty car while you follow in your own. (Note: No. 2 is the fast and accurate because the native cabbie doesn't have to depend on street signs that may or may not be there.)

Wm. Feather in Imperial Type Metal magazine mentions the fact that Detroit, Mich., has just done an outstanding job in curbing its streets, "using bold white letters on a black background that can be read across the street by a half-blind stranger."

"Residents of a city rarely read street signs because they know their way around," continues Mr. Feather. "Hence the most important street in a city may go without markers for a generation without notice or complaint from the citizenry. The head of the federal highway department once said that road signs should never be planned by anyone familiar with the county or state."

In conclusion, it is my opinion from personal observation over 30 years that maintenance of the average American city's street signs has grown steadily worse. Perhaps the passing years color my criticism, but I seem to recollect as a boy that most cities kept their street signs as faithfully as they kept their street signs. But most travel there was on foot or by horse-and-carriage. Men's movements in a good-sized town were so limited that once they ventured into a strange section of the city they would have been lost without a street sign. But the coming of the automobile has made even the very large cities familiar to most of their citizens. In any event, street-marking is poorly practiced in modern-day America—and if you care anything about the government, that's a danger in your midst it's something that will stand improvement on the local citizen's calendar of "progress."

Our Warlike Preparations Are Simply a 'Big Stick' Display

BURTON HEAR has advertised its air raid siren for sale. That looks as though there still were optimists in this world. But, for every one who is so confident there are several who take it for granted there will be another war soon.

We just sent 60 B-29's to Britain. Presumably they went just for training, but by coincidence there they are, protected by British warning system and fighter forces, right where they could fly at a moment's notice to Berlin, or elsewhere. A lot more B-29's are being taken out of their costly protective coatings.

The B-29 is the Air Force's work-horse for any long-range bombing. It is the plane that would be used to drop atomic bombs, here, there if we had to do that in a hurry. Apparently.

We have sent 57 P-80 Shooting Star jet fighters to Germany on a Navy escort carrier. The armed services have wanted that they need gasoline in hurry, and if there is any delay in delivery there will be trouble. We have a schedule that would get drafts out to ocean-going transports within 12 weeks after induction.

In the light of what is happening in Berlin, these are disheartening signs of the times. They, plus what little leaks through the iron curtain about Russia's activities, make us wonder what the New Jersey town is in mind in offering to sell atomic bombs. Do they want a bigger bomb here? Or don't they read the papers?

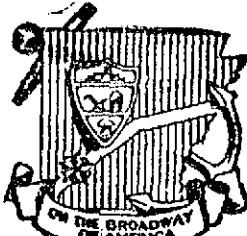
The preparations being made by us and the British can, of course,

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Star's New 'Phone Numbers on Double Line 1268 & 1269

Effective at once Hope Star's old telephone number 768 is discontinued — and the new numbers are 1268 and 1269. A permanent double line has been installed in the newsstand office, and a call to either number will, in the event that line is busy, be switched automatically to the other line.

Installation of the double line, planned years ago, has finally been made possible by release of war-strung materials to Southwestern Bell Telephone company.



## Ex-Official to Testify in Spy Probe

By WILLIAM F. ARBOGAST

Washington, Aug. 16 —(AP)—Alger Hiss, former State Department official, has accepted an invitation to testify in the House Un-American Activities committee in closed session late today.

Chairman Thomas (R-NJ) when announcing this, told reporters it is improbable that Whittaker Chambers will be present.

Asked why Chambers would not be present, Thomas replied, "I expect to have a statement after the hearing (of Hiss)." Original plans were to have the two men accused and accused-face each other today and see whether they would repeat conflicting testimony given the committee in its investigation of alleged Communist spy activities.

Thomas said the committee still hopes to bring the two men together at some time.

Chambers, now a senior editor of Time magazine, has testified he was an active communist in the 1930s. He said he knew Hiss as a member of an "elite" Communist underground movement that once operated here.

Chambers also said that after he broke with communism he pleaded with Hiss to do likewise but Hiss refused.

Hiss, in public testimony, has denied any communist connections and declared he does not know Chambers.

The committee plans an early recess of its hearings.

But the echoes seemed likely to reverberate for a long time to come.

Attorney General Clark, for instance, whipped out contention that the inquiries on Capitol Hill have damaged administration efforts to crack down on Communist activities.

And Moscow came up with a spy case of its own by distorting a four-month old charge against an American naval officer. The State department, however, insisted it was nothing but a frame-up. American officials said it seemed to them the Soviets were just trying to cover up their embarrassment over the two school teachers who refused to go back home.

The Hiss-Chambers meeting — if it occurs — could make or break the whole Hiss investigation.

Hiss a former top State department official who now heads the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, has been named by Chambers as a member of an "elite" Communist underground which Chambers insists operated in Washington more than a decade ago.

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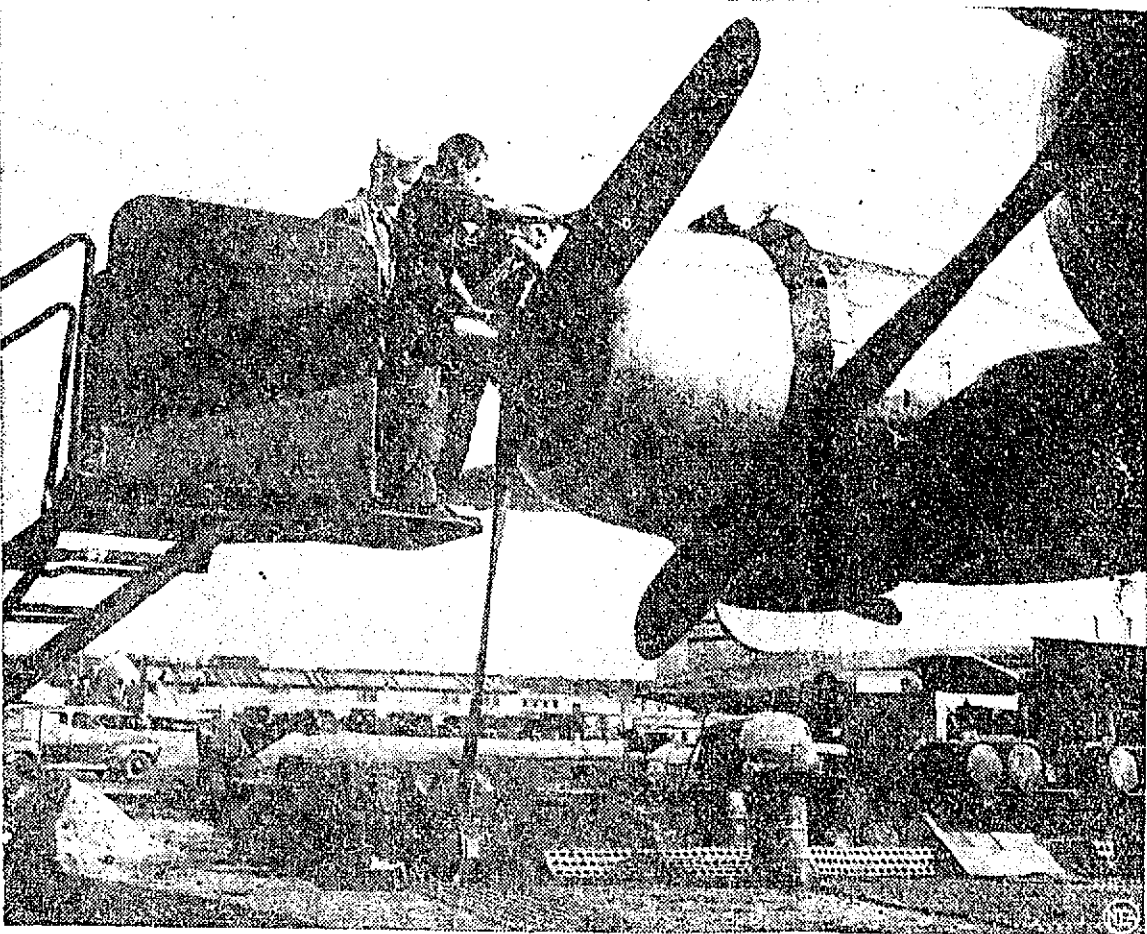
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## 'Operation Vittles' Is a 24-Hour Job



With Berlin's millions dependent on air shipments of food to keep from going hungry while the Russians blockade roads and rails, American planes and crews are going all out in "Operation Vittles." The mercy mission works round-the-clock. Here mechanics at the Rhein-Main airport, in Frankfurt, American Zone, check one of the big planes. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent AJ Cocking.)

## 16 Returning Lettermen Give Bobcats Chance for Winning Team; Practice Starts Friday

With 16 returning lettermen to work with, Hope's chance for a winning team looks fairly good this year but the team will be lighter, Coach Nolen Tollett said today.

Equipment was issued to the boys today and practice starts at 9 o'clock Friday morning. The Bobcats will work out twice daily with the afternoon session starting at 4 o'clock.

It looks like about 50 prospects will report the first day and a few are expected to bolster the ranks the second week. Five lettermen are attending National Guard Camp at Little Rock this week.

The squad will pick up 4 or 5 from Fulton, and Dave Hockett, all-state cage player with Gurnsey last season, wants to try his hand at football with the Cats this season.

The Bobcats have a tough 12-game schedule and will open with DeQueen here September 10. Six of the games are at home and six away. The team will be captained by S. A. Westbrook and Duddy Sutton.

Coaches Tollett and Martin will build their squad around the following 16 lettermen:

Backs: Tommy Britt, Wesley Huddleston, Mitchell LaGrone, Roger Neal, Buddy Sutton; Bobby L. Bearden; Ends: Jimmy Dick, Hammond, Reese Miller, Oscar Gordon, Maxwell, Davis Sprague; Tackles: James Russell, Tarkles; Burges; Garrett, James McCargo; Guards: Don Duffie, Odie Keith, S. S. Westbrook; Center: Charles Wilson; Placekicker: Bobby Joe Lee.

Westbrook, Sutton, Russell and Bearden lettered 2 years and Miller 3 years.

Other top prospects from the squad are: Center, Richard Bruner; Guards, Joe Martindale, Tackles, Don Ray, Alkinson, Glen Williams; Ends, L. J. Sutton, W. H. Cantor; Backs, Travis Reeves, Floyd Fortis, Bobby Harris and Edsel Nix.

Top prospects up from the junior team are: Backs—James Bearden, Morris Barntine, Wayne England and Reeder; Huddleston, Lines; Tackles—Billy H. Tabor, Louis Sutton; Guards—John Watson, Thomas Guilbians.

## Lions Donate Equipment to High School

Jesse Charlie Brown presented her students of drama on a program at the Lions Club luncheon today. Participating were:

Helen Hall, Don Hall, Toni Taylor, Jean Horton, A. W. Martin, Frank Horton, Mary Margaret Daniels and Betty Owen.

In a business discussion the group decided to abandon its hall across from the postoffice and voted to give about \$300 worth of equipment to the Hope High School for use in cafeterias. The equipment includes silver service and dishes for at least 100 persons.

## Mrs. Martindale Is Vice-Chairman of Central Group

At last week's meeting of the Democratic Central Committee Mrs. Jim Martindale of Hope was named vice-chairman of the group. The State organization meets September 24-25.

## 1.12 Inches of Rain Falls in This Section

The mercury dropped from a high of 91 degrees to a low of 63 following 1.12 inches of rain in this section late Sunday afternoon. The Experiment station reported.

## 'Carriers' of Southwest Meet Here

The Southwestern Arkansas District Association of Letter Carriers, held its annual August meeting at Fair park Saturday.

There were carriers and families from Hot Springs, Ft. Smith, Texarkana, Camden, Hope, Prescott. After the long hot drive many found the new swimming pool the most attractive place in the park.

After a cooling swim, a business meeting that was scheduled for 4 o'clock was held and new officers were elected as follows:

Love Anderson, Prescott, president; W. Harry Martin, Stamps, secretary, re-elected; Mr. Martin was also elected delegate to the national convention at Miami, Florida, and funds were raised by volunteer subscriptions to defray his expenses.

Following the business meeting the ladies auxiliary spread out a picnic lunch from well filled baskets together with feed melons by the local carriers.

The Melody Boys furnished music for the occasion and the speakers consisted of Honorable Lyle Brown, mayor of Hope; W. E. Taylor, past state president, from Texarkana; and Attorney General Elmer Murrey; C. P. Roberts, retiring president, served as chairman of the meeting.

Most injuries to trees result from frosts late in spring after growth has started—or early in fall before tissues are hardened.

## Separate Vacations for the Married Folks Usually Don't Last But Few Days

By HAL BOYE

New York — (AP)—Nervous tension, that forerunner of the ulcer, had Wilbur Peck in its clutch. He was fretful at the office and moped at home so much that his wife, Trellis Mae, finally told him: "I want you to go see Dr. Phineas Branigan, the psychiatrist. He'll find out what's worrying you, I met his wife at a bridge party — and she's nice."

Wilbur argued against going to Dr. Branigan, but finally capitulated. Scarcely like all men, he had a wish to find out what a trip to a psychiatrist really was like.

When he returned, Trellis Mae asked: "Did he have you lie down on a couch in a dark room and ask you questions?"

"No," said Wilbur. "Was he supposed to?"

"Never mind. What happened?" "Well, we just talked for a while. We finally both agreed I wasn't mad at my mother and wasn't suffering from a suppressed desire to murder my father."

"What did he decide was wrong with you?" asked Trellis Mae. "Well, you aren't going to like his answer. 'Buttheads!'"

"Well, you aren't going to like this," Trellis Mae said. "But he said you and I ought to take separate vacations this year."

"H-m-m-m," said Trellis Mae. "Dr. Branigan said it was a good thing for married people occasion ally. Wilbur went on. 'As a matter of fact he said his wife and he are having separate vacations. She's going to Yo Onie Wildwood. Unde Tunch Monday. He's staying in town.'"

"I'll go to that damned old dude ranch, too, and you stay in town and have a rest."

At first the prescription worked wonderfully for Wilbur. He revelled in his freedom. But after seeing a few shows and reading a couple of books, he found three things. All his boon companions were out of town.

He went to the beach but Trellis Mae wasn't there to tell him when

## Draft to Get 15,000 in First October Call

Washington, Aug. 16 —(UP)—The army said today its first draft call will be for approximately 15,000 men and will go to Selective Service about Sept. 2.

Maj. Gen. John E. Dahlquist, assistant army personnel chief, said the army expects to get its first men from the draft about Nov. 1. The call for them must go to draft officials 60 days before that date, he added.

Since neither the air force nor the navy expects to call for any men from the Selective Service in the first draft, the 15,000 probably will be all who will be called. Dahlquist said draft calls will be stepped up later to around 30,000 per month.

He said both clergies and draftees have an "excellent chance" of becoming officers. The army is doubling its officers candidate schools.

"We are particularly after the ex-G. I. who went back to college," Dahlquist said. "He is just getting out of college now and we can offer him a career in the army with a chance to get a regular army commission."

Other sources disclosed that the army will ask Congress in January for authority to draft doctors. They said about 6,000 will be needed, in addition to the 3,000 now in uniform, if all draftees are to get proper medical attention.

The present draft law does not provide for special registration of doctors, though all those 25 or under must sign up.

Meanwhile, the army announced conditions under which college students enrolled in ROTC courses will be deferred from the draft. They must remain in good standing in both academic and military courses, demonstrate characteristics of leadership sufficient to qualify for commissions, and attend summer camp. In addition, they must agree to accept a commission and to serve at least two years in active duty.

## Fishermen Bag 1000 Pounds

A party of local fishermen caught 1000 pounds in the Gulf of Mexico out from Mobile last week, it was reported on return to Hope this past weekend.

The party included: Mayor Don Harrell, Bob Hall, Red Daniels, Ed Parker, all of Camden; Ed Stevens, a fisherman; Charles Taylor, Webb Laster and Leo Robins of Hope.

The group from Camden took home 400 pounds of fish with which they plan a fish fry for Governor-elect Sid McMath and Dr. B. B. Robinson who was nominated national committeeman.

## Official Count Shows McMath Is Nominee

Little Rock, Aug. 16 —(AP)— It became official today that Sid McMath, young Hot Springs prosecutor, is the Democratic nominee for governor of Arkansas.

Official returns certified to the Democratic State Committee from 72 of the state's 75 counties gave McMath a lead of 11,043 votes over former Attorney General Jack Holt, his rival in the Aug. 10 runoff primary. Unofficial tabulations of the other three counties gave McMath 3,323 and Holt 4,490, making a mathematical impossibility for their official returns to change the outcome.

The official totals for 72 counties were: McMath 153,415; Holt 142,372.

This indicates complete official returns will run close to the Associated Press' unofficial tabulation, which gave McMath 155,918 and Holt 145,340—a difference of 10,578.

Holt had maintained the official count would give him the nomination and that if it didn't he would contest the election.

Usually the Democratic nomination is equivalent to election in Arkansas. However, more has been started to "draft" Holt as an independent candidate in the general election next November.

The apparently-defeated candidate in last week's Democratic primary did not attend a opening of the meeting but was brought there by a special committee after a "call Jack over" cry was taken up by the crowd.

Holt told the group after receiving a standing ovation: "I am not for one air ratty and willing to bow to the will of the people and let the people rule, but he asked for a 'little more time' before making a decision."

He then started an attack on the recent campaign and election, following the theme set by preceding speakers.

He charged that every rule of the Democratic party "had been violated to defeat Jack Holt" and that is why he stands undefeated in the eyes of the people.

Holt indicated that he still plans to contest the nomination of Sid McMath, young Hot Springs prosecutor, in last Tuesday's election.

"I told those attending 'You go back home and talk to your friends and neighbors. You are going to hear a lot more things about this election. It's a big thing, a lot of money is at stake. I want to hear from the women who carry their brooms, by the sweat of their brows,' he declared, concluding that "I want the Democratic party but back where it ought to be, x x x."

The Little Rock radio showman, who was injected into the meeting, called by Bryan Warmack, Waldo, Ark., former oilman and, by virtually every speaker.

Speakers included James (Uncle Mac) MacKrell, Alove Grant, Fort Smith, attorney for the United Mine Workers; Rep. William Ward, Marianna, Dr. Shade Rushing, El Dorado; Allen Lander, Hamburg; Former County Judge Charles A. Fleming, Forrest City, and W. C. Tucker, Batesville.

Objection to Holt's contesting the Aug. 10 primary came from Fleming, a defeated candidate in the July 27 preferential primary.

He said he was "in favor of the good white Democrats selected by the voters." MacKrell, who joined up with Holt after he was defeated as a gubernatorial candidate in the Aug. 10 election, aimed his remarks at newspapers.

"The reporters were fair in reporting the campaign," he asserted, but added that "most of the state papers are on the side of Mr. McMath, and the truth, as we see it, will not be put in those papers unless we pay for it."

The Little Rock radio showman concluded his remarks by asking the crowd what should be done.

This drew the response that Holt and a slate of presidential electors be nominated on a Dixiecrat ticket. The organization State Right Democrats in Arkansas apparently had no part in sponsoring the meeting.

Because of the demands of the defense program, the Department of the Army is exceedingly anxious about the problems in Mexico and due to the importance in the National defense of our country, General Vandenberg, Chief of the Air Force, is providing committee transportation.

The Mexican Congress is being called into Special session to greet the Committee and provide appropriate committees to cooperate on these important questions to be considered between the two countries.

Mr. Harris said that because of the importance of this matter to our own domestic problems as well as to our national defense, he was accepting the responsibility of the assignment and will join the Committee in San Antonio, Texas, Tuesday morning.

"I have been a member of the Petroleum Sub-Committee of the Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee now for six years. Because of the importance of the proposed efforts between the two countries permitting our Nationals to develop the oil resources in Mexico, and what it means to the oil industry, which is an important segment of our economy, I feel a deep responsibility in helping to resolve the problems between the two countries. We are aware of the historical background which caused the oil companies of the United States to lose tremendous holdings in a few years ago by action of the Mexican Government. We hope to resolve the problems between the two countries."

"This is a matter of extreme importance to both Governments and the oil industry," said Mr. Harris.

Every precaution possible is taken against accidents. Only stock cars are used and no "bumped" cars are used. It turned out to be a fact which holds accidents in this type of race to a minimum. All drivers are fastened in and doors are strapped. Every car must have top protection.

The winning car averaged approximately 30 miles per hour covered good time on the half mile track. The affair was sponsored by the Third District Livestock Association.

## 1500 on Hand to See Stock Car Races

Approximately 1500 persons witnessed the stock car race at Fair park yesterday afternoon in which only four of a field of six completed the race.

First place went to J. Spence Bourque driving a 1943 Packard; 2nd to R. L. (Bob) Jackson, driving a 1948 Kaiser; 3rd A. E. Mitchell in a Mercury and Ace Lillard driving a 1943 Jeep.

Due to rain the race ended after 142 laps. Prizes awarded amounted to \$100 with \$500 for first place.

One car left the race with a burned out engine and another quit via the wheel once. It turned over twice on the north curve and gave the crowd an anxious moment before it was discovered the driver was unhurt.

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# Social and Personal

Phone 1268 or 1269 Between 9 A. M. and 4 P. M.

## Social Calendar

**Tuesday, August 17**  
The Ladies Prayer meeting will be held at the First Pentecostal church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30.

The First Methodist church choir practice will be held at the church Tuesday, August 17. The Junior choir will practice at 7 p.m. and the Senior choir at 8 p.m.

**Tuesday, August 17**  
Miss Jessie Clarice Brown will present her expression pupils in a recital in the First Baptist church Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The public is invited.

**NOTICE**  
The Edith Thompson Sunday School Class of the First Methodist church, scheduled for August 19 has been postponed until a later date.

**Wednesday, August 18**  
There will be a Teacher's meeting at Garrett Memorial Baptist church Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock with Waddle Cunningham in charge.

Garrett Memorial Baptist church will have regular prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7:30 with Mrs. Brice Arnett leader.

The First Pentecostal church will have choir practice Wednesday at 7:45 p.m. at the church.

**Tuesday, August 17**  
The VFW Auxiliary will have a party Tuesday night, August 17 at 8 o'clock at the VFW Hut. All members are urged to bring a friend that is eligible to join.

**Thursday, August 19**  
Mrs. Owen Nix, Mrs. Aubrey Albritton, Mrs. Rob Jones will entertain with a Tea for the pleasure of Miss Carolyn Sue Sutton, bride-elect of Bernie S. Hargis Jr. Thursday, August 19 from 3 to 6 o'clock in the home of Mrs. Nix.

**Friday, August 20**  
There will be a Bible Study at the First Pentecostal church, Friday at 7:45 p.m. Everyone is cordially invited.

**Hazel Spillers Engagement**  
to C. Cook, Jr. Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Levia Spillers of this city announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Hazel to C. Cook, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Cook, Sr., also of Hope.

The wedding will take place Friday afternoon, August 27, at five o'clock at the First Baptist church in Hope. Invitations will not be sent.

**Betty Whitlow Honored**  
at Handkerchief Shower

A surprise handkerchief shower was given for Miss Betty Whitlow, bride-elect of Jewell Moore, Jr. Friday evening by the Junior G.A.'s of the First Baptist church.

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New  
ST. JOSEPH  
ASPIRIN  
FOR CHILDREN  
So easy to take, light orange flavor.  
50 tablets for 50¢.  
Try it!

**Comfortable - Cool**  
**RIALTO**  
TODAY • TUESDAY  
FEATURES  
2:00 - 3:54 - 5:29 - 7:26 - 9:23

**TRUTH IS STRANGER THAN FICTION!**  
**Louisiana**  
JIMMIE MARGARET  
DAVIS LINDSAY  
PLUS — 2 Color Cartoons

**SAINGER**  
AIR CONDITIONED  
— TODAY • TUESDAY —  
FEATURES  
2:00 - 4:10 - 6:20 - 8:20

He is a Baby-Sitter...  
and it's a RIOT!  
YOUNG O'HARA WEBB  
Sitting Pretty  
PLUS — LATE NEWS  
THE MAGIC CITY

daughter, Evelyn to James William Derr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Derr of Huntsville, Ark.

Miss Simmons is a graduate of Hope High School and at present is a Senior in the University of Arkansas. She is the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Browning of Hope.

Mr. Derr, veteran of four years service in the navy has attended John Brown University and the University of California and is now also a Senior in the University of Arkansas.

The wedding will take place, September 2, in the Church of Christ in Fayetteville.

## Coming and Going

Pfc. James D. McDowell of Elgin Field, Florida was the weekend guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDowell and attended the Berry-Colins wedding here Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Ryler have as houseguests, their niece, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Borchers and children of San Antonio, Texas.

Mrs. A. E. Smith of Texarkana is visiting her niece, Mrs. J. S. McDowell and family here.

Darrell Crank has returned from the three weeks Dixie Band Camp in Monticello.

Mary Alice Urrey of Tyler, Texas was the weekend guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Urrey.

Miss Betty Sue Edmiston has as houseguests Miss Ruth Ellen Stubbleman of Dallas, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Atwood of Hot Springs, Arkansas visited friends in this city Sunday and Monday.

Billy Rundles has returned to Dallas, Texas where he is attending the Institute of Mortuary Science, after a week-end visit with his parents here.

Miss Joyce Rettig left Sunday afternoon for Little Rock after a week-end visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Rettig.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. McDowell and sons, Wallace of Ft. Worth, Texas were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. McDowell here and

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Harry Bindle had not been deluded into any false sense of security. When Lieutenant Talent cut out of his office pretending that a criminal had been disposed of with finality, Bindle knew that an era in his career had come to an end. He didn't believe any Lily Francis existed. But Talent had clearly believed he could fool him by flashing that \$100 bill. Bindle formed his own conclusion. He had read of Marcus Sterling's death. The answer was that Sterling had talked to the police before he died.

Bindle knew he would now have to bid farewell to New York, as he once had bid farewell to Chicago. He knew just what he wanted to take with him... some of it from a drawer of his desk... some of it from a concealed compartment in the back room. Not a great deal. A flat leather briefcase held all of it. Some personal records he couldn't afford to leave behind, some thick bundles of crumpled currency, a long white sealed envelope.

Bindle used the side exit of the back room. He followed a narrow passage alongside the building. At its mouth, he paused just an instant. The sidewalk was clear. The doorways across the street were clear. Bindle stepped out into the gathering shadows of evening. At his third step, a man came up to him, as if from nowhere, from either side.

"Got a warrant?" Bindle demanded.

"He only wants to talk to you," Ripley said.

"If I gotta go to Headquarters, no use for me to be carrying my case with me. I'll leave it in my place." He pivoted as if to start back for the gateway.

"Might as well bring this along with you," Bindle Ripley said. "Come on. We got a car."

Bindle sat wedged between two Headquarters men in the back while Ripley went to the corner to use a telephone booth. When Ripley had returned and had been sitting at the wheel of the car a full two minutes without showing any intention of starting the car, Bindle occupied impatiently. "Well, when do we get started?"

"Toda time," said one of the men beside him.

Only when Lieutenant Talent's check car rolled by, sounding the biggest siren, did Ripley step on the starter.

When they had merged into the heavy stream of northbound traffic on the West Side Express Highway, Bindle's briefcase pinioned between his knees, edged forward. "Phu, and the way to Headquarters," he said bitterly.

Talent was out of his own car and crossing the sidewalk, when Ripley brought the larger car to a stop. Duck was falling, the more noticeable under the heavy stream of cars.

Bound opened the door. Inside, Ripley was waiting, nervously apprehensive.

"The library is ready. Is it?" Talent asked.

"Talent says everything is placed the way it was when... when Mrs. Sterling was alive," Miss Wilson said.

Talent pointed to a room off the hall. "Remain in there, please, until I summon you," he said to Miss Wilson. He went to the telephone, and a third hand from the doorway, a hand that had not been there before, came out of the doorway. When he had concluded his brief conversation, Talent called Bound to turn on the porch light. Then he went into the library. He found the large room as he had found it in his first morning. It was the same as the wide, open, grand hall of the old building, which had figured so prominently in that other stage setting. He moved just slightly, the ebony cabinet so that the

## Good Mudders



Latest thing in women's fall footwear, according to New York designer Julianelli, is spot shoes like these. This model is of black patent leather with pearl-gray suede, pearl-but-toned spats.

## The Doctor Says:

BY EDWIN P. JORDAN, M.D.  
Written for Nea Service

Certain children born with peculiarly shaped skulls and defective brains are called mongoloids. The birth of such a child comes without warning and naturally is a great shock to the family.

The name comes from the appearance, which is something like that of the oriental Mongols. The child is small and round, the eye lids are heavy and tilted and a fold is present over the inner margin of the eye.

Some people have thought that mongolism comes from some hereditary tendency, the exact nature of which has not yet been discovered. In recent years, however, most of those who have studied the subject agree that there is a definite relationship between the age of the mother and the frequency of mongoloid children.

The frequency of mongolism increases steadily throughout the child-bearing period. The risk of bearing a mongoloid offspring when the mother is young is much less than in later years, especially after 35.

This does not mean that mothers over 35 have any very great chance of having a mongoloid infant as mongolism is, fortunately, rare. It only indicates that there is more risk for older mothers than for younger ones.

The birth of a mongoloid child is a great misfortune. It is considered a pure accident, not reflecting in any way on the parents, the diet, the medication or any other known factor.

Most mongoloids die early, but while they live, regardless of the way they seem to be entirely contented circumstances which surround them. And since nothing can be done for them, placing them in an institution is generally desirable.

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(To Be Continued)

## DOROTHY DIX Practical Joker

Dear Miss Dix: I am married to a man whom I love more than anything and who loves me as much as I do him, but we are about to part because of our differences in personalities. We have tried hard to get along together as we have three adorable children, but we are always on each other's nerves.

Our difficulty is my eternal sincerity and his eternal joking, which is driving both of us crazy. He is mad about pretending that he isn't going to do something and then, when I finally lose my temper, he says he was just kidding. I get no enjoyment out of doing a thing after I have had to argue about it and have it explained to me.

What can we do to reconcile our differences, if anything?

MRS. W. W.

Answer: A practical joker and a woman without a sense of humor must make a combination that is as impossible to blend as oil and water, but how come you didn't find that out before marriage, instead of discovering it afterwards?

**Romantic Courtship**  
The only explanation I can find for it is that during the days of courtship the pranks were so filled with romance that he forgot to be humorous, and that the pretty girl was so bemused by her love dream that she believed all of her fiancé's wild vows of devotion to be a mere statement of how he felt towards her. Susceptible proof, it need be.

Certainly no two people could be less adjusted to each other than a perpetual joker and a woman without a sense of humor. They never understand each other, or speak the same language, or get the other's point of view, and life is a very boring affair in a case where the husband has to furnish a diagram with his witticisms and the wife is so dumb she can never be made to see what makes people laugh.

But, after all, it seems a great pity to break up a marriage and half-orphan little children over a comic strip. So why not eliminate the humor motif from the marriage? My suggestion would be for the husband to save his jokes for the boys downtown, not use them for home consumption, and for the wife just to stick to the basic affairs of life.

Dear Miss Dix: I have attended a number of luncheons and dinner parties where the guests did not sit down with the guests. She not only spent the entire meal period serving them, but even washed the dishes afterwards. Don't you think it would be possible to plan a menu which required a minimum of serving and which would permit the hostess to eat with her guests? I have been to parties where neither the hostess nor host ate with their guests.

What is your opinion?  
A READER

Answer: Page Emily Post! I never before have heard of a hostess not sitting at the table with her guests and eating with them.

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## Meat Prices Remain at Levels

Chicago, Aug. 16 — (AP) — The battle of the butcher — housewives-inspired buy-no-meat campaign — went through the weekend with meat prices still up.

This was the report from many meat dealers throughout the nation as the score was tallied. Some dealers reported business had fallen off, but that prices generally remained at high levels.

The women, acting individually and through clubs, sought to put a damper on prices by halting meat purchases and creating a buyer's market. The idea got underway in Dallas and caught hold in many cities. It spread through chain telephone calls, one woman calling five or ten others and asking them not to buy meat.

But meat dealers say the campaign hasn't done much to their prices. There were instances of cuts on certain meats, but these rose again after a few days. In some places prices even went up.

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## Forest Festivals to Be Revived in Arkansas

Little Rock, Aug. 16 — (AP) — The "forest festivals," discontinued since the beginning of the war, will be revived in 15 Arkansas cities this week and next.

Fred Lang, director of the forestry and parks division of the Arkansas Resources and Development Commission, said the first of the series of festivals will be in Hamburg tomorrow.

The affairs are sponsored by the forestry division in cooperation with the "Keep Arkansas Green" Association.

Other festivals this week will be at Warren, Wednesday; Thornton, Thursday; and at Sheridan Friday.

Next week's festivals will be at Paron, Tuesday; Malvern, Wednesday; Gurdon, Thursday, and Lake Village, Friday.

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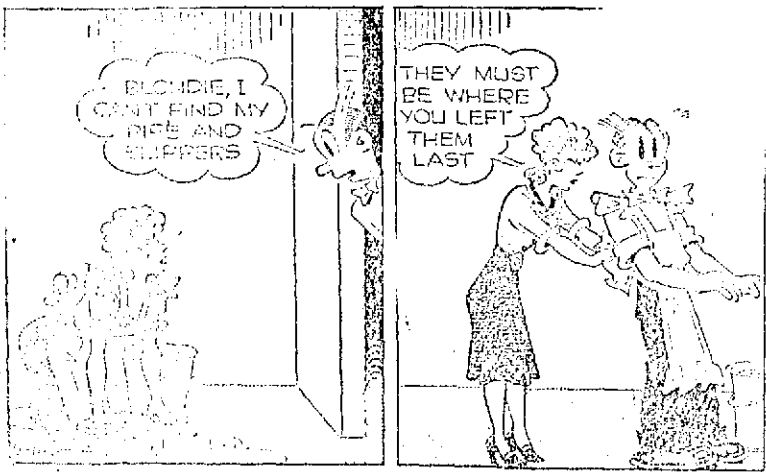
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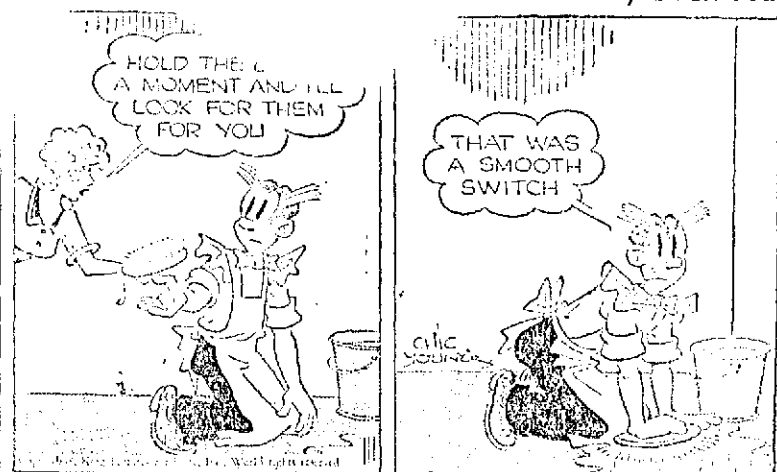




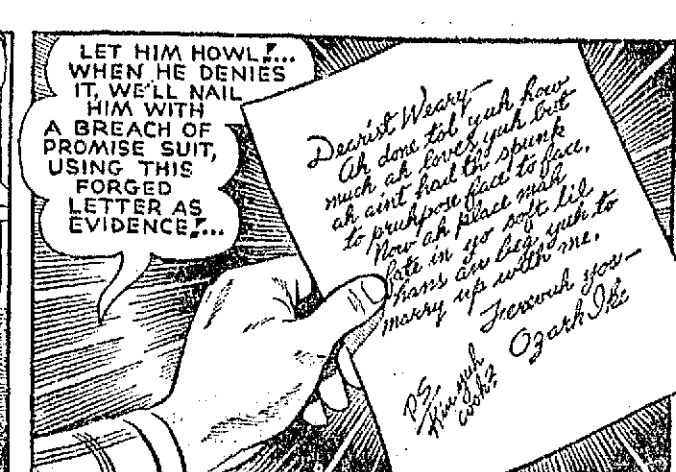
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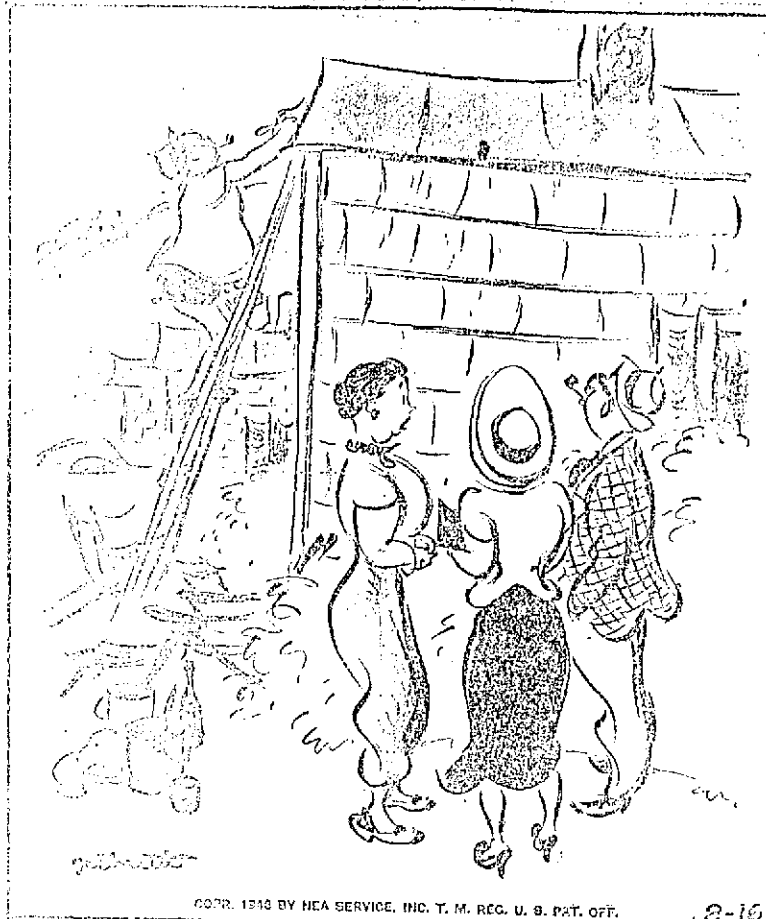
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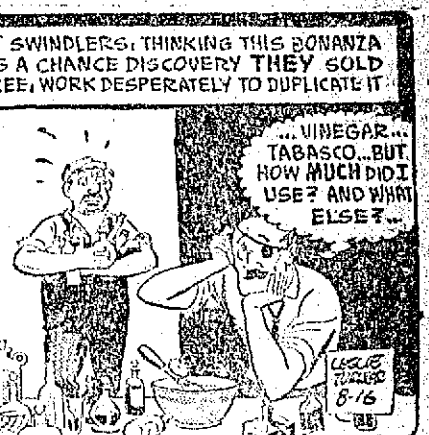
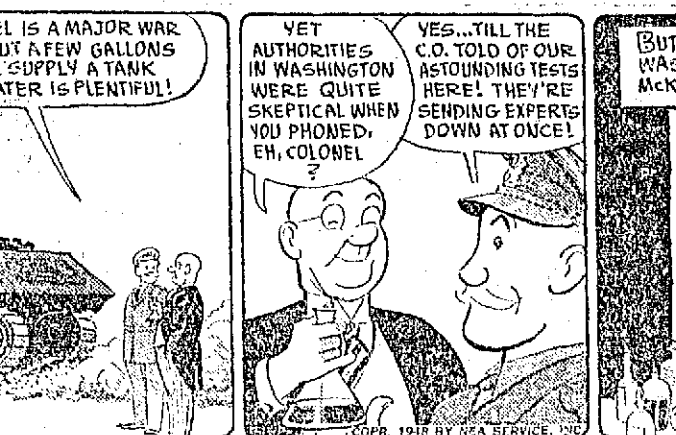
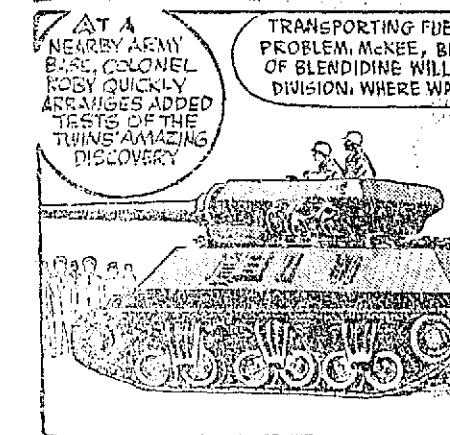
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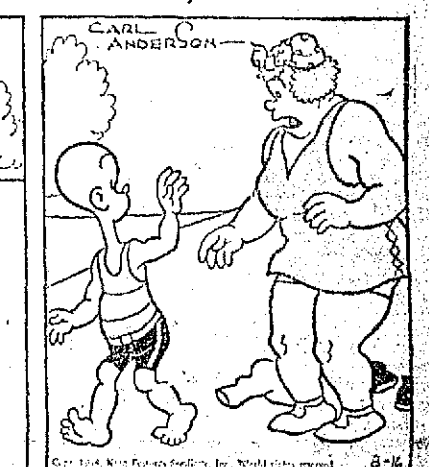
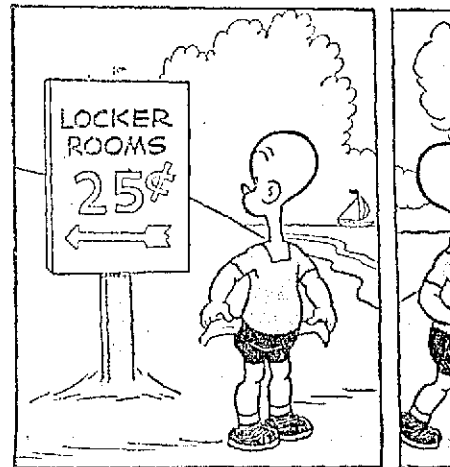
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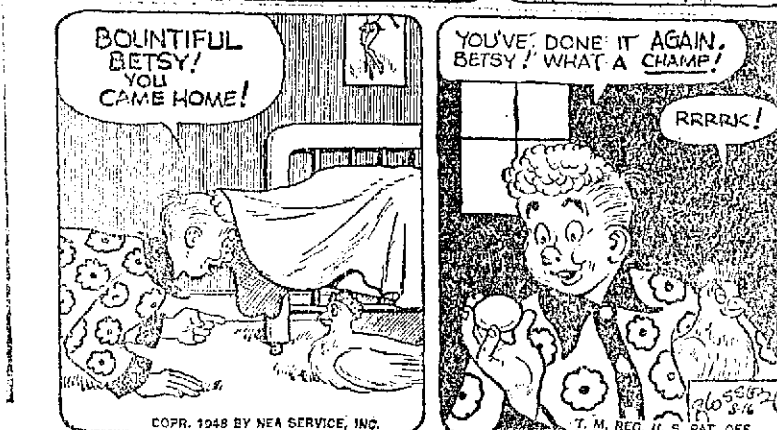
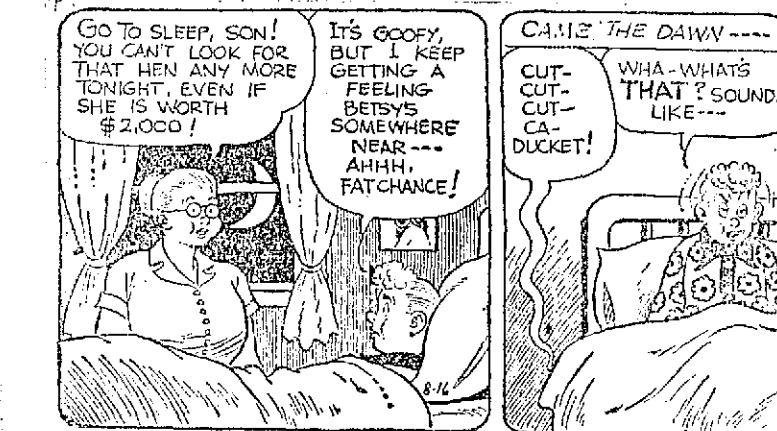
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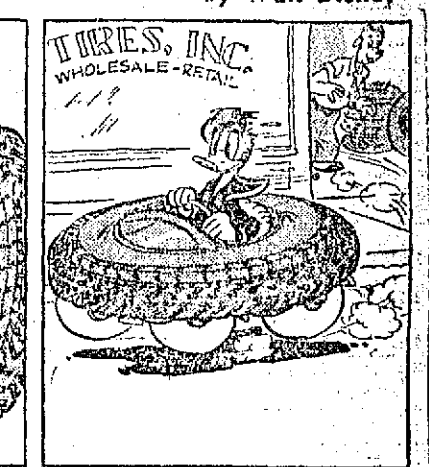
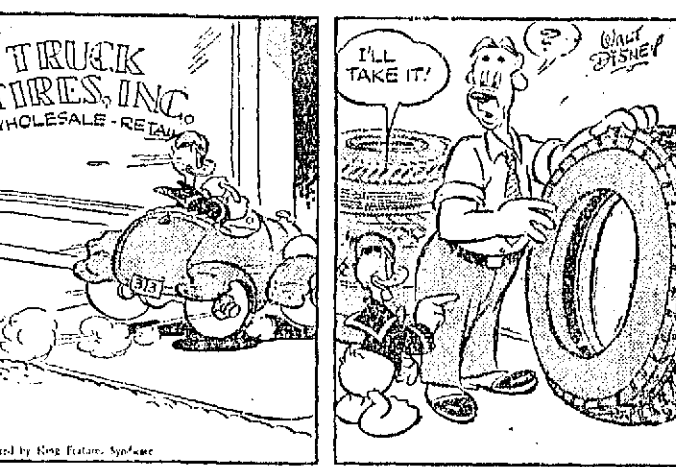
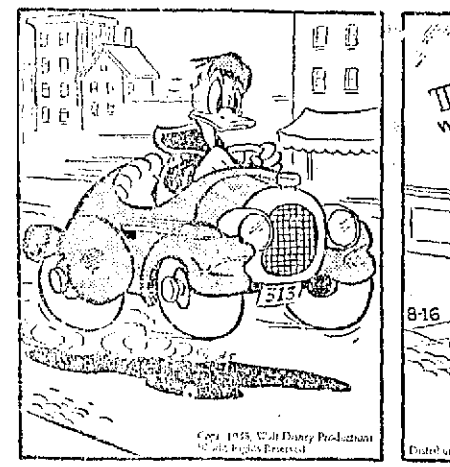
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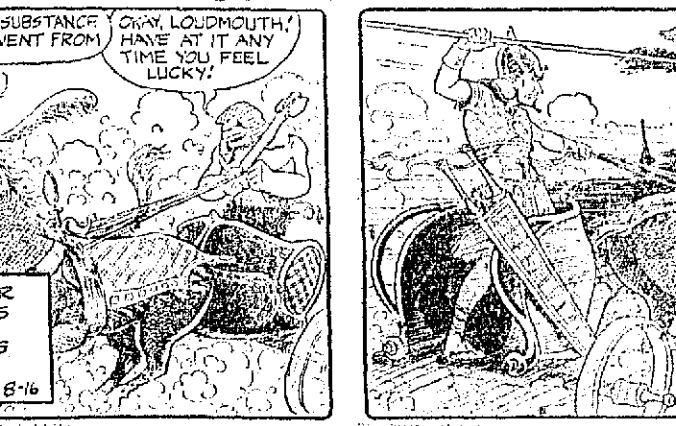
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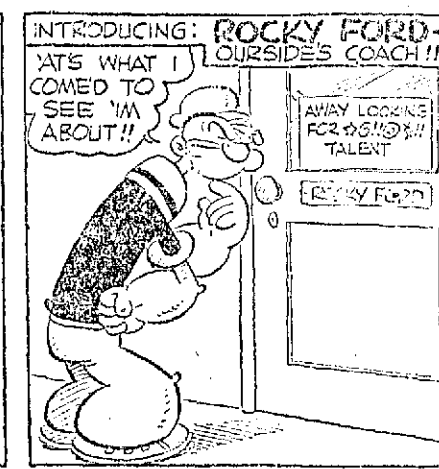
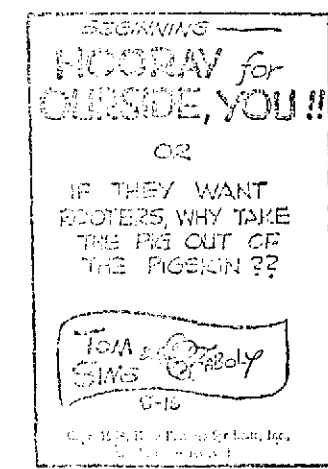


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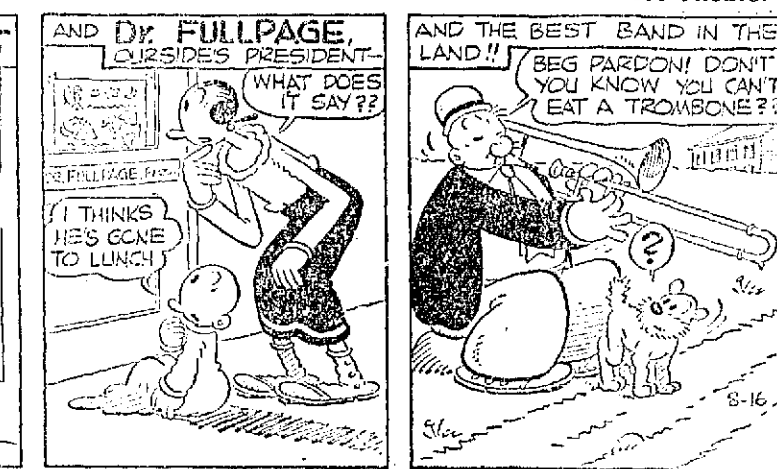


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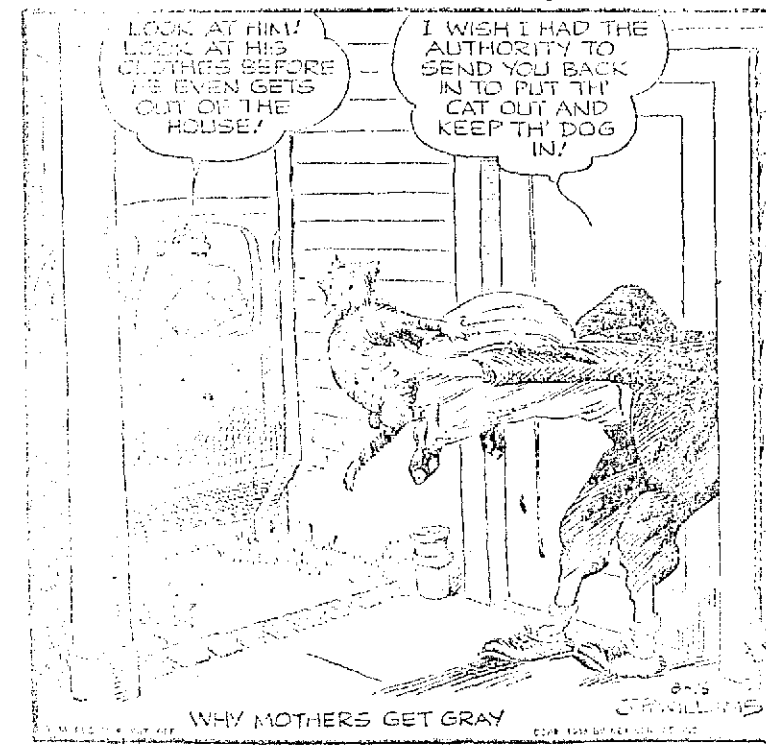
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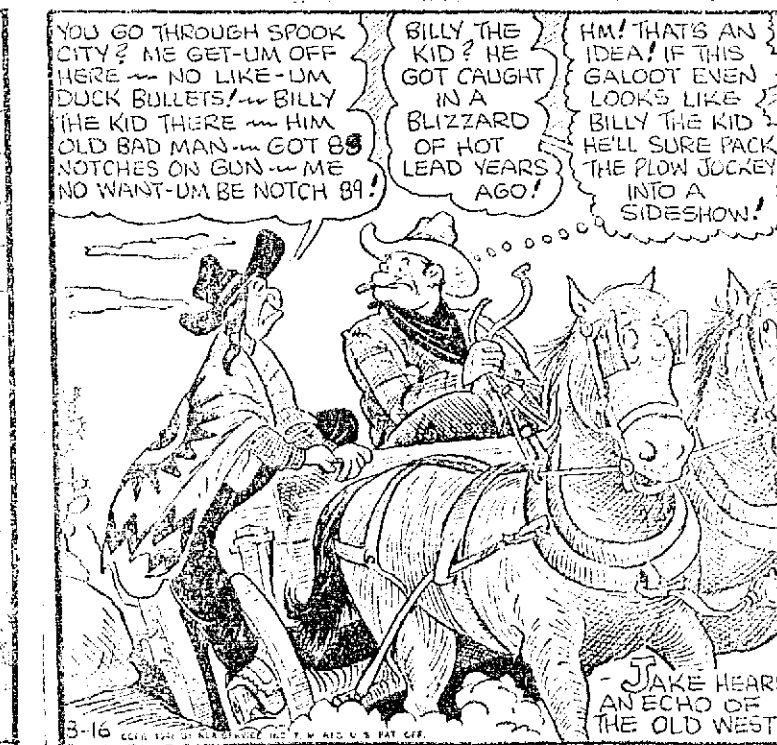
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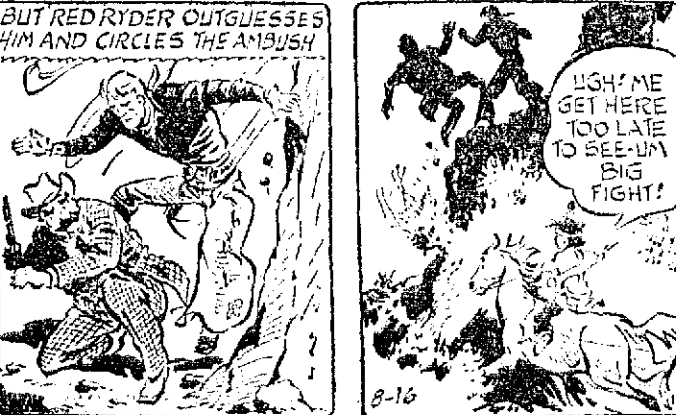
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By Fred Harmor





## Anti-Reds in Berlin Urge Allies to Stay

By The Associated Press  
Anti-Communists of Berlin urged the western powers again today to remain in the city and stand firm in talks at Moscow over the blockade.

The Russians, after a wait of about four months, asserted by press and radio that Lt. Robert Dreher, assistant U. S. naval attaché in Moscow, had been seized receiving secret military data and hustled out of Russia by demand of the foreign ministry.

U. S. State Department officials said the case last April 23 actually was a frame-up. The department said Ambassador Walter Bedell Smith had told the Russian foreign ministry he considered the evidence against Dreher "arranged" with connivance of the Russian secret police. The evidence was declared bogus after the naval officer had applied for a visa to go home.

Washington officials concluded tentatively that Russia is recognizing it overplayed its charges of American criminality, kidnapping and violations of international law in the Russian school teachers in New York.

The teachers, Michael E. Samarin and Mrs. Oksana S. Kosenkina, got into trouble with Russian authorities because they preferred to stay in the U. S. The women were about to renew their visas in the Kremlin about Berlin and other west-east differences.

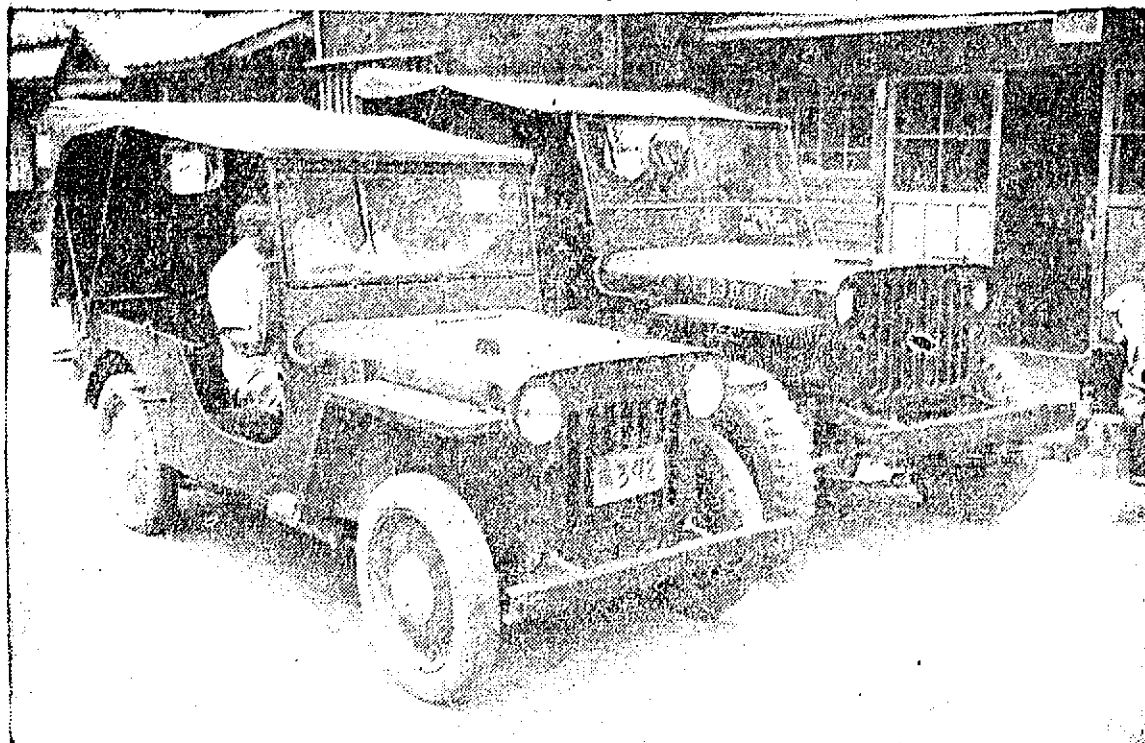
Berlin Socialists, Christian Democrats and Liberal Democrats all appealed to the west to stand firm on the currency issue in Berlin and not allow Russia to make her east marks the only currency in the city.

Ernest Reuter, the Communist who turned Social Democrat and was elected mayor of Berlin last year, said in an America sponsored German radio address: "There cannot and must not be a simple and convenient withdrawal from Berlin."

Communists of the city urged the elected city government, which has opposed Russian demands, to resign. They threatened the blockade would last into the winter and asked: "Where will you get coal?"

The U. S. will put three squadrons of C-54 Skymasters on the aerial coal run. The U. S. Air Force also sent the first of 52 new jet

## The Jeep Has a Japanese Offspring



Daddy Jeep, right, the good old American model, poses calmly with his latest offspring, a Japanese model. The Japanese jeep is slightly smaller than the original, but its body design is an exact copy. They are being made in Hiroshima, where the first atom bomb fell. (Photo by NEA-Acme staff correspondent Richard C. Ferguson.)

## Guardsmen Leave for Encampment

Little Rock, Aug. 16 (AP)—Revilte rounded this morning for some 3,000 members of the Arkansas National Guard.

The call officially opened the first day's training of the ANG two weeks summer encampment at Camp Robinson.

Units from over the state arrived at the camp yesterday.

Co. A, 153rd Infantry, left by truck yesterday for Camp Robinson for a two weeks training period. The group was headed by Capt. Dorsey Fuller.

## Ruth Resting 'Better' Says Physicians

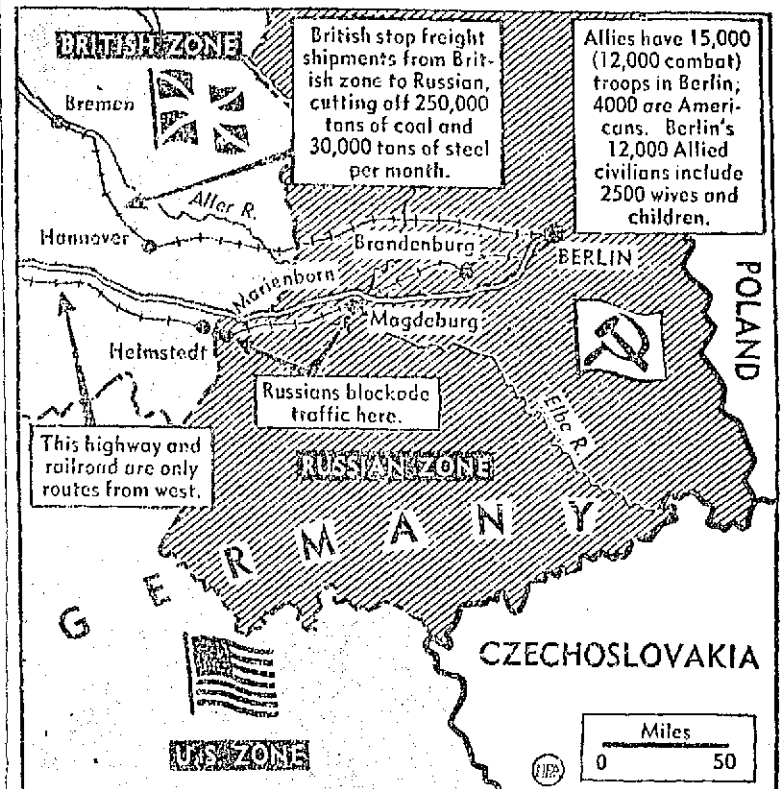
New York, Aug. 16 (AP)—Babe Ruth, baseball's critically ill slugger, spent a comfortable night but his condition shows no "significant change today," hospital attaches reported.

A bulletin, issued at 9:20 a. m. (EST) by the Memorial hospital center for cancer and allied diseases, said:

"Babe" Ruth spent a comfortable night, in general, he is holding his own, and since yesterday there has been no significant change in his condition.

Ruth, on the critical list since last Wednesday, left his hospital bed for 20 minutes yesterday and sat in a chair.

## Where Soviets Block Allies From Berlin



Map above shows how Russians, by setting up blockades at Marienborn and Magdeburg, block western Allies from sending food and supplies to 2,000,000 Germans in Berlin regularly fed by the U. S.

## Prescott News

Tuesday, August 17  
Mrs. Allen Greeson of Little Rock will honor Miss Patricia McSwain, bride-elect, with a luncheon at Riverside Country Club at one o'clock.

Mrs. Bob Reynolds, Mrs. Warren Cummings and Mrs. T. E. Logan will entertain for the pleasure of Miss Ida Catherine Daniel at 2 p. m. at the home of Mrs. Logan.

Wednesday, August 18  
Wednesday night is church night at the First Baptist church, 6:30 church recreation, 7:30 worship service, 8:15 choir practice.

Prayer service will be held at 7:45 p. m. at First Christian church.

There will be choir practice at the Methodist church at 7:30. This is also youth recreation night.

Mrs. Jack Harrell entertained on Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Marion Franks with a cocktail party for the pleasure of Mrs. Robert Duke whose wedding was an event of Sunday evening.

Little Miss Amelia Harrell and Jessica Benis greeted the guests.

The Franks home was lovely with a variety of summer flowers.

Mrs. Danell Marsh invited the guests into the dining room. The serving table was covered with a cut work cloth and the central arrangement was of pink roses in a crystal bowl.

Miss Marjorie Bush presided at the table. Miss Sally McKeelvy, Little Rock, Miss Ann Smith, Marietta, Miss Kay King, Mrs. Mary Beth Little Rock, and Mrs. Mary Lou Franks assisted in the dining room.

Miss Duke was presented a gift of a ring and a gift of a crystal bowl.

The guests included: Miss Pat McSwain, Miss Dorothy White, Miss Kathryn White, Mrs. Duncan Mitchell, Miss Sue Jones, Mrs. Richard Bright, Miss Mary Lou Thomas, Miss Kate Sparks Benis, Miss Ethel McRae Benis, Miss Mildred Benis, Miss Mary Jane Coleman, Miss Mildred Coffey, Mr. Edward Robinson, Mrs. Hore Benis, Mr. Harvey Benis and Miss Josephine Wilson. Miss Carol Leach of Dallas, and Mrs. Roy Stuart, Shawnee, Oklahoma.

Miss Dorothy Ann Giv of Dallas who has been the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gee Sr., returned home today.

Bobbie Campbell who has been attending Eastern College for the summer term has arrived to spend the remainder of the summer with her father Tom Campbell.

Mrs. R. A. Saban and son, Edgar, of El Paso, Texas, will arrive this week to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dalrymple and W. V. Tompkins.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mart and children of San Antonio, Texas, arrived to spend the week with Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Logan.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Marshall and children of Little Rock were the guests of Mrs. Clara B. Stone, Thursday.

Pat Combs of El Dorado was the week end guest of Miss Pat McSwain and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McSwain.

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## GOP Nominees Plan Campaign Strategy

By JOSEPH NOLAN  
United Press Staff Correspondent

Gov. Thomas E. Dewey and his running mate, Gov. Earl Warren, huddled today with their political advisers to talk over routes, issues and general policies for the coming campaign.

The two-day conference got under way in Albany, N. Y.

Warren said he and the GOP presidential nominee will start campaigning about the middle of next month. That will give them the jump on President Truman who has indicated he will make a Labor Day speech in Detroit and then lay off until the end of September.

The Republican standard bearers were said to have made up their minds that they will hit hard on the issue of Communists in the federal government and will accept the president's challenge on prices.

Dewey also has let it be known that he considers the administration's handling of the "bipartisan" foreign policy fair game for the campaign.

Dewey emphasized that even after he and his aides have mapped out their strategy, it may some time before it is made public. However, advisers are known to be urging the New York governor to make personal appearances in states where the senatorial races figure to be close.

The two men include Kentucky, West Virginia, Oklahoma, Illinois, Wyoming and Minnesota.

The Democrats need to pick up only four seats to take over control of the Senate. If that happened, Dewey would be in a position similar to Mr. Truman's for the past two years.

"Nothing" tag was thrown back at him by Sen. Arthur V. Watkins, Utah, saying that the president has been wont to refer to Congress as a "nothing" body, Watkins said: "There is more evidence pointing to Mr. Truman as a 'nothing' president."

But President Truman's midyear budget review brought cries of "politics" from Republican senators. Chairman Styles Bridges, R., N. H., of the Senate Appropriations committee said the message in which Mr. Truman predicted a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 was "just another campaign speech."

The president, he said, "deliberately and for political purposes has jugged his estimates."

Labor's Walter P. Reuther, president of the United Auto Workers, said he will devote his "full energy" to the formation of a new political force in this country.

Writing in his union's publication, Reuther said he plans to begin working for the election in November of Senators and representatives friendly to labor.

Progressives—Sen. Glen H. Taylor of Idaho, vice presidential running mate of Henry Wallace, said Russia is in "no opposition" to the fight against Communism.

Children of the Soviet Union, he said, have no desire to give their lives to spread Communism throughout the world. Taylor spoke at an Illinois State fair rally for the Progressive ticket. Two other vice presidential candidates—Sen. Alben W. Barkley and Gov. Earl Warren—will speak at the fair later this week.

Midwest—Republican chairmen from 20 midwestern states met in Chicago for a two-day preview of campaign plans. Bert Holland, midwest area campaign director, predicted that 85 per cent of the Midwestern electoral votes will be in the Dewey-Warren column.

Explosion Leaves Five Dead in Reno  
Reno, Nev., Aug. 16 (AP)—Fire, a shattering explosion and panic among several hundred spectators left a toll of five dead, one missing and 127 injured in Reno's worst tragedy in its history.

The fire broke out about 10 a. m. yesterday in a false-fronted frame and brick building in the old business district. It drew several hundred onlookers, massed around the scene just a few blocks east of the city's gambling quarter.

The sudden explosion and fire killed the fire chief of a nearby city and four men. A sixth, a Reno fireman, was missing. The blast sprayed injury among nine spectators. Some were trampled in the rush to get away.

As firemen fought to prevent the blaze from spreading to adjoining buildings, a policeman warned the crowd to get back—that "there's dynamite in there."

"A few of the timid retreated," said John Sanford, city editor of the Reno Gazette. "The rest pushed closer. There was a roar, smoke, shout, and a wall of fire, blanketed a half block of Lake street."

District Attorney Harold Taber said preliminary investigation disclosed no dynamite involved in the blast.

Taber and Reno detectives joined the fire department in a continuing investigation of the explosion and fire. Property damage was estimated, unofficially, at between \$100,000 and \$300,000.

While the injured were being rushed to three hospitals, rescue crews went into the still-smoldering ruins of the building to recover the bodies of these five victims:

Fire Chief Frank Holcomb, 55, of Adjacent Sparks; Capt. Glenn Davis, 35, and Fireman Earl B. Platt, both of the Reno fire department; and two civilian volunteer rescue workers, Domingo Galli, 28, and Bill Byron, about 30.

Missing was Harold Hudson, 26, Reno fireman who had the day off, but who was reported to have gone to the blaze.

Children of Little Rock were the guests of Mrs. Clara B. Stone, Thursday.

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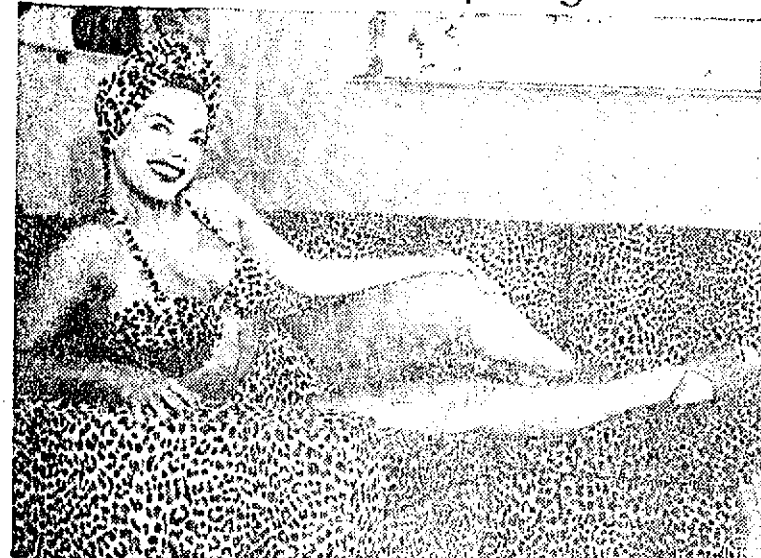
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## She's in the Spotlight



What isn't spots is famed musical comedy star Carmen Miranda. The Brazilian bombshell liked her new leopard-skin bathing suit so much that the den of her Hollywood home was decorated to match.

## If America Isn't Awake to Ways of Communism It Isn't Fault of Teacher Incident

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AP Foreign Affairs Analyst

Well, if America isn't finally awake to the machinations of communism it isn't the fault of a fate which staged the amazing escape of the Russian school mistress from Soviet diplomats in the heart of New York City.

Conan Doyle never dreamed up anything more startling than the case of Mrs. Oksana S. Kosenkina. But maybe we had to learn the truths of life by seeing her just herself to grave injury from the third story window of the Soviet consulate where she says she was imprisoned. Perhaps we also had to witness the drama of Michael I. Samarin, another Russian teacher, who fled to asylum with his family, rather than be returned to the Soviet Union.

If we needed anything to cross the T's and dot the I's for us, it was Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov's brusque demand that both these teachers be surrendered immediately to Soviet authorities.

This was before the consulate had taken Mrs. Kosenkina away from the White Russians by whom she had been given refuge near New York. She now is in a hospital, closely guarded by city police.

The most shocking aspect of these cases is that Soviet officials should dare to exhibit such brazen offencery in a foreign country.

Britain broke off diplomatic relations with Moscow for less than this back in the early days of the Soviet Union. And America withheld recognition of the Moscow

government until 1933 for smaller sins.

However, the Bolsheviks have been taking advantage of their Allies' tolerance since the war. They even have gone to the extent of carrying out wholesale spying in Britain, Canada and the United States, as was brought out by Canada's exposure of the great Red spy-ring.

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## Wallace Includes Arkansas on Campaign Tour

New York, Aug. 16. —(UPI)—

Henry A. Wallace, Progressive party candidate for President, will begin a tour on Aug. 29 that will take him to more than 20 cities in seven Southern states.

Following the practice he started on his Southern tour last year, Wallace will "sift Jim Crow" and speak only to mixed audiences of Negro and white citizens.

The states include Virginia, North Carolina, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas and Tennessee.

stand in the case of the Russian teachers. The State department has promised asylum for both of them if they want to remain in America, as they are expected to do. American police are guarding them carefully. Mrs. Kosenkina is gravely injured, but the doctors seem to think she will recover, though it will take a long time.

Meaning in Moscow, American Ambassador Bessell Smith has denied flatly the Soviet government's charge that official agencies of the United States were involved in kidnapping at least one of the teachers. We don't kidnap them but we certainly intend to keep them from being kidnapped on our own home grounds. Follow travelers please note!

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